THE JUDICIARY OVERVIEW

The Judiciary is an independent branch of government constitutionally entrusted with the fair and just resolution of disputes in order to preserve the rule of law and to protect the rights and liberties guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States and this State.

Three goals characterize the Judiciary's priorities: to be a unified justice system that offers the same high quality of services in every courthouse in the State, to earn the respect and confidence of an informed public, and to seek, continuously, to improve service.

Achieving these goals will require ongoing efforts to develop and implement best practices on a consistent basis throughout the Judiciary. This will include consistency in case management, processes, and procedures throughout the State; equality in delivery of programs in every vicinage; and implementation of systems to provide accountability for performance.

The Judiciary is organized into 15 vicinages encompassing the 21 counties in the State and the Administrative Office of the Courts, which provides administrative services to the courts.

Approximately seven million new cases are filed in New Jersey's courts every year. The subject matter of these cases range from education, the environment, wills, crimes, contracts, and car accidents, to health care, taxes, adoptions, divorces, defective products, and the basic rights of Americans, such as freedom of speech.

The fiscal 2003 budget for the Judiciary totals \$487.7 million, an increase of \$8.6 million, or 1.8%, over the fiscal 2002 adjusted appropriation of \$479.1 million. Included in the \$8.6 million increase is \$5.2 million for the Drug Court Programs; \$3.1 million for Drug

Treatment for the Department of Health and Senior Services and \$2.1 million for additional judgeships and court operations

The fiscal 2003 funding recommendation for the Kinship Legal Guardianship Program is \$3.1 million. A supplemental appropriation of \$1.9 million was provided in fiscal 2002. The Program addresses the needs of children who cannot reside with their parents due to the parents' inability to provide appropriate care. Rather than terminate the parents' rights, the Program allows relatives to assume full responsibility for the child. Relatives must provide for the child's health, protection, education, and maintenance until the child reaches age 18. The Kinship Legal Guardianship Program was created to establish a more stable and permanent alternative to custody or long-term foster care while reducing the need to terminate parental rights.

The fiscal 2003 funding recommendation for the Drug Court Program is \$18.4 million, of which \$12.4 million is designated for the Department of Health and Senior Services for Drug Treatment. With the signing of legislation on September 6, 2001, the Program obtained six new judgeships as of January 1, 2002 and will expand from five to ten drug courts on April 1, 2002.

The Drug Court Program, as an alternative to incarceration, provides court-supervised treatment for carefully screened, non-violent offenders with addictions. The Program's purpose is to break the cycle of drug-driven crime through treatment and close supervision of eligible offenders. The Judiciary added five drug courts in fiscal 2002 to the already existing five pilot programs. The existing drug courts are in Camden, Essex, Mercer, Passaic and Union vicinages. New programs in fiscal 2002 include the Bergen, Cumberland/ Gloucester/Salem, Monmouth, Ocean and Morris/Sussex vicinages.

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS BY FUND

(thousands of dollars)

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423,962	8,365	24,425	456,752	436,591	Direct State Services	479,035	487,672	487,672
					Grants-In-Aid	90		
423,962	8,365	24,425	456,752	436,591	Total General Fund	479,125	487,672	487,672
423,962	8,365	24,425	456,752	436,591	GRAND TOTAL	479,125	487,672	487,672

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)

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8,365	24,425	456,752	436,591	Subtotal Direct State Services - General Fund	479,035	487,672	487,672
8,365	24,425	456,752	436,591	TOTAL DIRECT STATE SERVICES	479,035	487,672	487,672
				GRANTS-IN-AID - GENERAL FUND Judicial Services Family Courts	90		
				Subtotal Grants-In-Aid - General Fund	90		
				TOTAL GRANTS-IN-AID	90		
8,365	24,425	456,752	436,591	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	479.125	487.672	487,672
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10. PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE 15. JUDICIAL SERVICES

OBJECTIVES

- To determine in a fair and expeditious manner the cases of all kinds which are brought to court.
- To assist the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in carrying out the constitutional responsibility vested in that office as the administrative head of the entire New Jersey court system.
- 3. To provide the services and direct support necessary for the effective operation of the Judicial system throughout the State.

PROGRAM CLASSIFICATIONS

01. Supreme Court. The State Supreme Court consists of the Chief Justice and six Associate Justices, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, and is the State court of final appeal. Pursuant to Article VI, Section V of the New Jersey Constitution, appeals may be taken to the Supreme Court in causes determined by the Appellate Division of the Superior Court involving a question arising under the Constitution of the United States or of this State; in causes in which there is a dissent in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court; in capital causes; on certification by the Supreme Court itself to the Superior Court and where provided by rules of the Supreme Court, to the inferior courts; and in such other causes as may be provided by law.

Pursuant to Article VI, Section II of the Constitution, the Supreme Court makes rules governing the administration of the courts in the State. The Supreme Court also administers programs that are wholly or partially reimbursable by special fees, such as the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, Attorney Discipline, Trial Attorney Certification and the Bar Admissions Financial Committee.

- 02. Superior Court, Appellate Division. The Superior Court, pursuant to Article VI, Section III of the Constitution, includes an Appellate Division. The Appellate Division hears appeals from the Law and Chancery Divisions of the Superior Court, the Tax Court, and State administrative agencies.
- 03. **Civil Courts.** The Civil Courts include the Civil Part of the Law Division of Superior Court, the General Equity Part of the Chancery Division, and the Tax Court.

The Tax Court is a special category within Civil Courts. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:4A, it has jurisdiction to hear tax appeals of taxpayers and taxing districts with regard to assessment, railroad assessments levied by the State, sales taxes, franchise taxes, gross receipts and all other taxes levied by the State. The Court also hears appeals on homestead rebate denials issued by the Director of the Division of Taxation and appeals by taxing districts from both the equalization tables promulgated by the Director of the Division of Taxation for the distribution of school aid and the equalization tables promulgated by the various counties for the purpose of distributing costs of county government.

- 04. **Criminal Courts.** The Criminal Part of the Law Division of the Superior Court hears and determines all serious criminal cases following grand jury indictment. It also hears appeals from Municipal Courts.
- 05. **Family Courts.** The Family Courts hear and determine all causes involving the family including those causes previously heard by the Matrimonial Part of the Superior Court and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts.
- 06. Municipal Courts. The municipal courts are funded directly by the municipalities, but the State supports a unit within the Administrative Office of the Courts to train municipal court judges and clerks, promulgate manuals of procedures, collect data on municipal court operations, conduct studies for the improvement of municipal courts, works with other State agencies on matters involving the municipal courts, and also administers the Automated Traffic System, a program which is wholly reimbursable by special fees.
- 07. **Probation Services.** Probation Services supervises probation operations statewide, establishes and monitors standards, conducts research and field review of probation programs, coordinates community services programs and operates the Intensive Supervision Program. Additionally, it oversees both the collections of all court imposed financial obligations and the Child Support Enforcement operations statewide.
- 08. **Court Reporting.** Court proceedings are recorded verbatim either by court reporters or by sound recordings, as provided by Supreme Court rules.
- 09. **Public Affairs and Education.** Responsibilities of the units within this program, formerly known as Legal and Professional Services, include coordination and/or provision of legislative liaison services, research and analysis, and coordination of the Judicial Performance Program, Media/Public Information.
- 10. Information Services. The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for the collection and maintenance of data on court operations, including statistical analysis and reporting, records management, and management information systems.
- 11. Trial Court Services. This program classification, formerly known as Field Operations, includes the Division of Trial Court Support Operations, which provides technical assistance to the statewide trial level courts in areas such as case management, management structure, Interpreter and Translation Services, and coordination of Volunteer Services.
 - In the Trial Courts, this program classification includes Trial Court Administrators who serve as the administrative arm for the Assignment Judge, as well as the vicinage finance, accounting, purchasing and human resources functions.
- Management and Administration. Provides overhead services in such areas as budgeting and accounting, purchasing, property maintenance, and personnel.

EVALUATION DATA

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Other Civil Arbitration					
		5,277	10,921	10,921	10,921
Tax Court					
Local & State Appeals					
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					5,500
Pending June 30	Pending June 30	7,753	7,700	7,200	6,700

	Actual FY 2000	Actual FY 2001	Revised FY 2002	Budget Estimate FY 2003
Criminal Courts				
Criminal Cases				
Added	46,000	51,225	52,762	54,345
Disposed	46,736	50,384	51,896	53,453
Pending June 30 (b)	14,633	15,616	16,049	16,495
Average time to disposition (months)	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7
Public Defender Eligibility Review				
Applications	64,291	62,837	62,208	61,586
Applications approved for representation	61,076	59,695	59,098	58,507
Family Courts				
Dissolution				
Added	60,269	60,943	62,162	63,405
Disposed	59,917	61,811	63,047	64,308
Pending June 30	22,235	21,373	20,488	19,585
Average time to disposition (months)	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.7
Juvenile Delinquency	1.0	1.1	0.0	0.1
Added	84.824	82,627	79,322	76,149
Disposed	86,572	84,116	80,751	77,521
Pending June 30	8,869	7.412	5,983	4,611
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1.2	1.1	•	0.7
Average time to disposition (months)			0.9	
Added	151,453	151,365	152,879	154,408
Disposed	152,950	151,725	153,243	154,776
Pending June 30	10,582	10,202	9,838	9,470
Average time to disposition (months)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
Domestic Violence				
Added	61,604	61,025	59,215	58,623
Disposed	62,128	61,604	59,777	59,179
Pending June 30	2,292	1,759	1,197	641
Average time to disposition (months)	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1
Other Family - Abuse/Negligence Complaints				
Added	2,605	2,767	2,961	3,168
Disposed	2,491	2,781	2,976	3,184
Pending June 30	3,124	3,111	3,096	3,080
Average time to disposition (months)	15.0	13.4	12.5	11.6
Other Family - Adoption Complaints				
Added	2,301	2,425	2,498	2,573
Disposed	2,294	2,384	2,456	2,530
Pending June 30	620	615	657	700
Average time to disposition (months)	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.3
Other Family - Child Placement Review	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
Added	4,706	5,071	5,274	5,485
Disposed	4,641	4,364	4,539	4,721
Pending June 30	9,747	10,458	11,193	11,957
Average time to disposition (months)	25.2	28.8	29.6	30.4
Other Family - Juvenile/Family Crisis Petition	23.2	۵۵.0	23.0	30.4
Added	1,373	1 402	1 261	1,320
		1,403	1,361	
Disposed	1,446	1,442	1,388	1,346
Pending June 30	114	74	47	21
Average time to disposition (months)	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.2
Other Family - Termination of Parental				
Rights Complaints				
Added	1,141	1,206	1,302	1,406
Disposed	1,053	1,125	1,215	1,312
Pending June 30	757	837	924	1,018
Average time to disposition (months)	8.6	8.9	9.1	9.3

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	Actual FY 2000	Actual FY 2001	Revised FY 2002	Budget Estimate FY 2003
Other Family - Other				
Added	11,529	12,614	13,688	13,962
Disposed	11,539	12,868	13,964	14,244
Pending June 30	1,326	1,078	802	520
Average time to disposition (months)	1.4	1.0	0.7	0.4
Volunteer Services				
Number of Volunteers	5,000	5,250	5,381	5,516
Number of Volunteer Hours Served	313,989	329,688	337,793	346,238
Municipal Courts	010,000	020,000	001,100	010,200
Non-Traffic Violations				
Indictables	165,534	178.931	189,890	201,520
Disorderly Person	363,944	372,032	380,300	388,751
Other Non-Traffic	159,100	195,317	218,814	245,203
	133,100	133,317	210,014	243,203
Traffic Violations	07.501	00.400	05 000	04.070
Drunk Driving	37,561	36,432	35,339	34,279
Moving Violations	2,477,597	2,452,792	2,428,235	2,403,924
Parking	2,911,060	2,865,783	2,821,210	2,777,330
Probation Services				
Adults Under Supervision	92,128	93,954	95,400	96,900
Juveniles Under Supervision	16,777	15,844	16,100	16,350
Intensive Supervision Program				
Applications	3,600	3,341	3,600	3,600
Assessment Reports	1,280	1,244	1,280	1,280
Resentencing Panel Hearings	4,500	4,015	4,200	4,200
Participants	1,217	1,202	1,217	1.217
Revocations	384	412	400	400
Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program	301	712	100	100
	320	320	325	330
Applications				
Assessment Reports	320	320	325	330
Participants	360	322	330	335
Revocations	80	74	70	70
Child Support & Paternity - Title IV-D				
Child Support Hearings	117,104	111,678	113,353	116,754
Collections	\$895,520,000	\$834,158,735	\$888,380,000	\$946,124,100
Checks Distributed	3,800,000	4,228,467	4,300,000	4,300,000
Information Services				
System Installation Sites (c)	5	3		
PERSONNEL DATA				
Affirmative Action Data				
Male Minority	516	557	557	557
Male Minority %	5.7	6.1	6.0	5.8
Female Minority	2,309	2,459	2,459	2,459
Female Minority %	25.5	27.0	26.5	25.4
Total Minority	2,825	3,016	3,016	3,016
Total Minority %	31.2	33.1	32.5	31.1
Total Mimority 70	31.2	33.1	32.3	31.1
Position Data Filled Positions by Funding Source				
Filled Positions by Funding Source	7	7 007	7 770	0.100
State Supported	7,559	7,627	7,776	8,129
Federal	1,318	1,312	1,335	1,358
All Other	177	181	183	196
Total Positions	9,054	9,120	9,294	9,683

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	Actual FY 2000	Actual FY 2001	Revised FY 2002	Budget Estimate FY 2003
Filled Positions by Program Class				
Supreme Court	171	171	173	183
Superior Court-Appellate Division	237	233	235	241
Civil Courts	1,744	1,680	1,655	1,794
Criminal Courts	1,390	1,359	1,392	1,510
Family Courts	1,781	1,844	1,887	1,986
Municipal Courts	51	55	55	63
Probation Services	2,508	2,515	2,572	2,659
Court Reporting	112	105	98	107
Public Affairs and Education	25	24	32	27
Information Services	135	139	145	157
Trial Court Services	754	842	897	786
Management and Administration	146	153	153	170
Total Positions	9,054	9,120	9,294	9,683

Notes

Actual payroll counts are reported for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 as of December and revised fiscal year 2002 as of September. The Budget Estimates for fiscal year 2003 reflects the number of positions funded.

Actual fiscal year 2001 figures reflect post year end changes to fiscal year 2000.

- (a) Figures for auto arbitration are the same for fiscal years 2002 and 2003 due to the uncertainty of the impact of best practices on the program.
- (b) Criminal active pending figures exclude cases in which the defendant has fled. Therefore, the calculation of pending, plus added, less disposed will not crossfoot.
- (c) System roll-out was completed during fiscal year 2001.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA (thousands of dollars)

	—Year Ending	June 30, 200	1						Ending 0, 2003——
Orig. & ^(S) Supple- mental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	z Total	Expended			2002 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recom- mended
					DIRECT STATE SERVICES				
					Distribution by Fund and Progra	m			
4,244	29	414	4,687	4,676	Supreme Court	01	4,887	4,887	4,887
14,685	20	1,421	16,126	16,077	Superior Court-Appellate	0.0	17.070	17.070	17.070
01 700	r 700	110	07.405	01.005	Division	02	17,378	17,378	17,378
81,798	5,739	-112	87,425	81,965	Civil Courts	03	92,863	92,863	92,863
65,892	255	2,218	68,365	67,931	Criminal Courts	04	87,313	92,491	92,491
75,303	319	2,969	78,591	76,991	Family Courts	05	86,350	86,659	86,659
807	7	4	818	791	Municipal Courts	06	885	885	885
98,596	1,299	-3,262	96,633	96,081	Probation Services	07	105,491	105,491	105,491
7,238	35	211	7,484	7,344	Court Reporting	08	8,372	8,372	8,372
1,866	37	236	2,139	1,953	Public Affairs and Education	09	2,381	2,381	2,381
19,230	73	1,323	20,626	20,608	Information Services	10	15,526	15,476	15,476
43,974	229	15,810	60,013	50,092	Trial Court Services	11	44,067	46,067	46,067
10,329	323	3,193	13,845	12,082	ManagementandAdministration	12	13,522	14,722	14,722
423,962	8,365	24,425	456,752	436,591	Total Direct State Services		479,035 (a)	487,672	487,672
					Distribution by Fund and Object				
					Personal Services:				
				153	Chief Justice		161	161	161
				922	Associate Justices		944	944	944
				55,974	Judges		59,838	59,838	59,838
330,891	717	22,107	353,715	285,771	Salaries and Wages		319,057	319,057	319,057
330,891	717	22,107	353,715	342,820	Total Personal Services		380,000	380,000	380,000

•	—Year Ending							Year 1 ——June 3	Ending 0, 2003—
Orig. & ^(S) Supple- mental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	Total	Expended			2002 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recom- mended
	•	Ü		-	DIRECT STATE SERVICES			_	
8,398 27,289	332	66	8,796	8,638	Materials and Supplies		9,275	9,275	9,275
4,600 s 2,155	1,048 100	3,838 -344	36,775 1,911	32,444 1,883	Services Other Than Personal Maintenance and Fixed Charges		29,201 1,940	31,201 1,940	31,201 1,940
200	1		201	197	Special Purpose: Rules Development	01	200	200	200
	1,453 3,902 R		5,355	2,162	Civil Arbitration Program	03			
	3,302			2,102	Additional Drug Courts	04	(b)		
					Drug Court Treatment/After-	01			
					care ^(c)	04	7,738 1,570 s	12,418	12,418
	47	525	572	371	Drug Court Operations	04	1,443 1,458 s	4,444	4,444
					Drug Court Judgeships	04	972 S	1,497	1,497
75	8	-8	75	56	Child Placement Review				
					Advisory Council	05	77	77	77
1,000			1,000		Youth Violence Initiative	05			
					Kinship Legal Guardianship	05	970 1,865 S	3,144	3,144
6,198		2,161	8,359	8,359	Child Support and Paternity Program Title IV-D (Family				
	187				Court)	05	7,273	7,273	7,273
9,519 1,892	348 R 96	104 -94	10,158 1,894	$10,154 \\ 1,727$	IntensiveSupervisionProgram JuvenileIntensiveSupervision	07	10,051	10,051	10,051
1,002	00	01	1,001	1,121	Program	07	1,977	1,977	1,977
20,499		-2,161	18,338	18,338	Child Support and Paternity Program Title IV-D				
					(Probation) Drug Offender Restraining	07	19,469	19,469	19,469
					Order Systems Update	10	50 S		
458	42	32	532	528	Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity	12	703	703	703
	5		5		Justice Complex Daycare Center	12			
10,788	79	-1,801	9,066	8,914	Additions, Improvements and Equipment	12	2,803	4,003	4,003
					GRANTS-IN-AID				
					Distribution by Fund and Progra	***			
					Family Courts	05	90		
					Total Grants-in-Aid	_	90		
					Distribution by Fund and Object				
	<u></u>				Grants: Court Appointed Special				
423,962	8,365	24,425	456,752	436,591	Advocates of NJ, Inc Grand Total State Appropriation	05	90 479,125	487,672	487,672
				0	THER RELATED APPROPRIATION)NS			
				J	Federal Funds				
667	1,266		1,933	1,266	Criminal Courts	04	100	100	100
14,298	722	4,564	19,584	18,323	Family Courts	05	16,698	16,698	16,698
44,377	-557	-4,456	39,364	37,105	Probation Services	07	42,291	42,291	42,291
									42,231
									59,089
59,342	1,066 2,497	222 330	1,288 62,169	1,177 57,871	Information Services Total Federal Funds	10 _	59,089	59,089	

	_Year Ending								Ending 0, 2003——
Orig. & ^(S) Supple- mental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	Total	Expended			2002 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recom- mended
				ОТ	HER RELATED APPROPRIATION	ONS			
					All Other Funds				
	$^{118}_{9,211\mathbf{R}}$		9,329	9,217	Supreme Court	01	10,821	10,821	10,821
	8 398 R		406	406	Civil Courts	03	468	468	468
	197 388 R		585	311	Family Courts	05	330	330	330
	4,139 8,852 R		12,991	10,225	Municipal Courts	06	8,413	8,413	8,413
	1,552 2,005 R		3,557	2,355	Probation Services	07	2,361	2,361	2,361
	1,086 771 R		1,857	1,208	Information Services	10	656	656	656
	2	37	39		Management and Administra- tion	12			
	28,727	<i>37</i>	28,764	23,722	Total All Other Funds	-~ _	23,049	23,049	23,049
483,304	39,589	24,792	547,685	518,184	GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS		561,263	569,810	569,810

Notes

- (a) The fiscal year 2002 appropriation has been adjusted for the allocation of salary program and has been reduced to reflect the transfer of funds to the Interdepartmental Salary and Other Benefits accounts.
- (b) Appropriation of \$4,256,000 distributed to applicable operating accounts.
- (c) The appropriation of \$12,418,000 for Drug Court Treatment/Aftercare will be transferred to the Department of Health and Senior Services for the Drug Court Program.

Language Recommendations -- Direct State Services - General Fund

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, receipts derived from fees under the Special Civil Part service of process via certified mailers are appropriated for the same purpose, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

The unexpended balances as of June 30, 2002 in the Civil Arbitration Program are appropriated subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

The amounts appropriated hereinabove in the Drug Courts Treatment and Aftercare account shall be transferred to the Department of Health and Senior Services to fund treatment, aftercare and administrative services associated with the drug court program, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.

Receipts from charges to certain Special Purpose accounts listed hereinabove are appropriated for services provided to these funds.

Receipts from charges to the Superior Court Trust Fund, NJ Lawyers Fund for Client Protection, Disciplinary Oversight Committee, Board on Attorney Certification, Bar Admission Financial Committee, Parents' Education Fund, Automated Traffic System Fund, Municipal Court Administrator Certification, Comprehensive Enforcement Program, and Courts Computerized Information Systems Fund are appropriated for services provided to these funds.

The unexpended balances as of June 30, 2002 not to exceed \$3,000,000 in these respective accounts are appropriated subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting.